Production of Cardamom

3161. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Miniter of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a substantial increase in the production of cardamom;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total production of cardmom produced in the country particularly in Karnataka and Kerala during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of cardamom in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The details of production of small cardamom during last 3 (three) years are given below :

Production (MTs)

Year	Total (All India)	Karnataka	Kerala
1993-94	6600	1510	4430
1994-95	7000	1580	4720
1995-96 (P)	7900	1745	5380

(c) Government/Spices Board is implementing a number of development programmes for improving production/productivity of cardamom. They are :

(i) Production and Supply of Quality Planting material;

(ii) Providing assistance for replantation of old, diseased plantations;

(iii) Providing assistance for Irrigation/Land development programme; and

(iv) Research activities for developing high yielding varieties of cardamom.

[Translation]

Vacant Posts in the High Courts and Supreme Court

3162. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI VIJAY PATEL :
SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS :
SHRI RAM NAIK :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) number of sanctioned posts of Judges in the Supreme Court and the various High Courts as on April 1, 1996;

(b) the number of vacancies still unfilled in the above courts as on April 1, 1996, court-wise;

(c) the number of additional posts sanctioned during April-September, 1996, court-wise;

(d) the number of appointments made during the above period, court-wise;

(e) the number of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes and other religious minorities Judges among the existing strength of Judges in the above courts; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to fill up the vacant posts of judges in various courts, court-wise;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (d) A Statement showing the sanctioned posts and the number of vacancies as on April 1, 1996, the number of additional posts sanctioned and number of appointments made during April-September, 1996 in the Supreme Court and various High Courts is enclosed.

(e) There being no reservations in the matter of appointment of Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts on the basis of caste or class of persons, information is not maintained separately for caste or class etc.

(f) The process of consultation among the concerned Constitutional authorities for filling up the existing vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court and various High Courts is on.

STATEMENT

S.No.	High Court	Sanctioned strengh (As on 1.4.1996	Vacancies	Addl. posts sanctioned during April-September	Fresh appointments made during April-Sept 1996
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Allahabad	71	2	-	-
2.	Andhra Pradesh	36	2	2	4
3.	Bombay	54	11	5	9
4.	Calcutta	48	7	-	-
5.	Delhi	31	2	-	2
6.	Gauhati	18	1	-	-
7.	Gujarat	32	4	-	-
8.	Himachal Pradesh	8	-	-	-
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	11	-	-	-